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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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SUBJ UNDP 16 TH GC - UNDP DUTCH INITIATIVE ON

AID TO LIBERATED TERRITORIES

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1. IN SEVERAL PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS WITH DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE VAN GORKOM, AMBASSADOR BENNETT ELABORATED IN SOME DETAIL US VIEWS ON DUTCH PROPOSALS IN LINE DEPTTEL 118717. VAN GORKOM HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN UNCOMFORTABLE WITH HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS MORE RESPONSIVE THAN SWEDES IN SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO FIND WAY OUT AND AVOID HAVING CONTENTIOUS FLOOR FIGHT IN PLENARY. HE ACCEPTED ADMINISTRATOR'S FORMULATION REPORTED REFTEL AND DID NOT IN HIS EXTENSIVE PLENARY COMMENTS SEEK TO LAY DOWN TERMS FOR ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO 17 TH SESSION GC AS DID SWEDES AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS.

2. IN ONE CONVERSATION WITH VAN GORKOM, BENNETT
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NOTED THAT OUR EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE HAD REPORTED DUTCH MFA DID NOT FIND PERSUASIVE USG ARGUMENTS RE PROBLEMS OF CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING. BENNETT SAID TO VAN GORKOM THAT, IF DUTCH GOVERNMENT NOT PERSUADED THAT THERE IS REAL PROBLEM WITH US CONGRESS OVER APPROPRIATIONS FOR UN PROGRAMS, HE WOULD SUGGEST VAN GORKOM RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT IT REQUEST AN UP- TO- DATE ANALYSIS FOR ITS WASHINGTON EMBASSY ON PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD UN AND HOW FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS FOR UN PURPOSES MAY BE AFFECTED. VAN GORKOM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FRANK DISCUSSION AND INDICATED HE WOULD SO RECOMMEND TO THE HAGUE.

3. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER SUGGESTING THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS SEEK SIMILAR ANALYSIS OF US CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES ON UN AND US CONTRIBUTIONS. SUCH INFORMATION IF OBTAINED ON BASIS OF EMBASSY APPROACHES TO SOURCES KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES, INCLUDING SOURCES INDEPENDENT OF STATE DEPARTMENT, MIGHT BE USEFUL IN DISPELLING BLAND CONFIDENCE HELD BY SO MANY THAT US CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE TO POUR IN COME WHAT MAY AND IRRESPECTIVE OF UN DECISIONS WHICH DISTORT UN CHARTER OR GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF UN AGENCIES.

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